

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the pending office action mailed on March 16, 2006. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for again signifying the allowable subject matter of method claims 12-16 and 29-32, which remain in the application. Only claim 31 has been amended as shown herein to improve readability of the claim.

While the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's conclusions concerning rejections of the remaining claims, for purposes of advancing prosecution in an expeditious manner Applicant has cancelled those claims. Thus, as to the Examiner's assertions of non-patentability for the canceled claims, the amendments adopted herein are made without prejudice. Applicant may seek further protection for the subject matter disclosed in the application by way of continuation practice.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

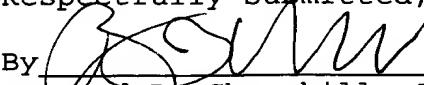
If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 the0efor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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